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DUBLIN-AREA FELONS SENTENCED
ON FIREARMS AND DRUG CHARGES

SAVANNAH, GA: Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that several Dublin-area felons, indicted earlier this year on firearms and drug charges, have been sentenced in U.S. District Court by U.S. District Judge Dudley Bowen. The defendants had earlier entered guilty pleas to firearm charges. The federal charges were brought in conjunction with Project Ceasefire, a district-wide effort devoted to combating gun violence by prosecuting individuals who illegally possess firearms, such as felons in possession of firearms.

The four Dublin-area felons were recently sentenced as follows:

1. Danny Davis was sentenced on December 19, 2005, to 157 months imprisonment. Davis received 97 months on his conviction for possession of firearms by a felon and a consecutive 60 months imprisonment for his conviction of possessing firearms in connection with a drug crime, specifically, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Davis was also sentenced to 5 years supervised release to follow his incarceration. Davis' prior felony conviction involved possession with intent to distribute marijuana.

2. Gregory Bernard Coney, an armed career criminal, was sentenced on November 21, 2005, to 180 months imprisonment, followed by 1 year of supervised release for his conviction of possessing a firearm and ammunition. The conviction for this offense typically carries a maximum

penalty of 10 years imprisonment, however, because Coney had been previously convicted of three serious felony offenses, he faced a statutory mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years (180 months). Coney's prior felony convictions include aggravated assault, felony obstruction of an officer, and possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

3. Kenyadus Demakes Height was sentenced on September 27, 2005, to 42 months imprisonment, followed by 3 years supervised release on his conviction of possession of a firearm by a felon. Height's prior felonies include false imprisonment and aggravated assault, false imprisonment (3 counts), and theft by taking.

4. Theotis Myricks, Jr. was sentenced on September 27, 2005, to 180 months imprisonment, followed by 5 years supervised release. Myricks received 180 months on his conviction of cocaine possession with intent to distribute and a concurrent 120 months imprisonment on his conviction for possessing a firearm as a felon. Myricks' prior felony convictions include two convictions for distribution of cocaine, and one conviction for possession of cocaine.

Wood praised the cooperative efforts of the Laurens County Sheriff's Office, Dublin Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF) which led to the indictments, arrests, and convictions of these defendants.

The government was represented by Assistant United States Attorneys Nancy C. Greenwood and Patricia G. Johnson.

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